

katchewan specimens than it is in specimens from eastern Canada and the United States. I suspect that the Lady Fern may have been overlooked previously in Saskatchewan and western Manitoba by collectors who mistook it for *D. austriaca*. However, an apparently consistent vegetative character to distinguish the two is the venation of the pinnules. In *Athyrium*, the veins reach the pinnule margin, whereas in *Dryopteris* they stop short and end in elongate hydathodes that are best seen on the adaxial surface of the frond.—*Vernon L. Harms, Fraser Herbarium, Department of Plant Ecology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0, Canada.*

NEW COMBINATIONS IN THE FERN FLORA OF VENEZUELA.—While we were revising a checklist of the ferns of the state of Mérida, Venezuela, we found some entities that needed a new combination or a new name. The nomenclatural changes for these are as follows:

***Lycopodium nesselianum* Duek & Lellinger, nom. nov.**

Urostachys moritzii Nessel, Rev. Sudam. Bot. 6: 160, t. 9, f. 29. 1940, non *Lycopodium moritzii* Muell. Bot. Zeit. 19: 65. 1861. HOLOTYPE: Sierra Nevada, Venezuela, *Greven 61* in 1898 (not seen).

***Trichomanes radicans* var. *kunzeanum* (Hooker) Duek & Lellinger, comb. nov.**

Trichomanes kunzeanum Hooker, Sp. Fil. 1: 127, t. 39D. 1844. SYNTYPES: Pangoa, Depto. Junín, Peru, *Mathews 1088* (K not seen Morton photo 19051); Pampayacu, Depto. Huánuco, Peru, *Poeppig* (K not seen); and Caracas, Distr. Fed., Venezuela, *Linden 176* (K not seen; isosyntype FI not seen Morton photo 16586). The isosyntype is labelled "Hautes Andes de Truxillo et de Mérida."

***Grammitis amphidasyon* (Kunze ex Mett.) Duek & Lellinger, comb. nov.**

Polypodium amphidasyon Kunze ex Mett. Abhandl. Senckenb. Naturforsch. Gesell. 2: 49. 1856. SYNTYPES: Mérida, Edo. Mérida, Venezuela, *Funck & Schlim 959* and *1100* (both B neither seen).

***Grammitis gameraiana* (Vareschi) Duek & Lellinger, comb. nov.**

Polypodium gamerianum Vareschi, Acta Bot. Venez. 1: 117, f. 16. 1966. Cerca de Laguna de los Anteojos, Edo. Mérida, Venezuela, 4100 m elev., *Vareschi & Maegdefrau 6839* (VEN).

***Grammitis xanthotricha* (Klotzsch) Duek & Lellinger, comb. nov.**

Polypodium xanthotrichum Klotzsch, Linnaea 20: 376. 1847. SYNTYPES: Mérida, Edo. Mérida, Venezuela, *Moritz 250?* (B not seen); and Guyana, *Rich. Schomburgk 1172* (B not seen).

***Elaphoglossum mortonianum* Duek & Lellinger, nom. nov.**

Acrostichum attenuatum Kunze, Linnaea 36: 56. 1869, non Fée, Icon. Esp. Nouv. [Mém. 6] 1, t. 1, f. 1. 1853. SYNTYPES: Mérida, Edo. Mérida, Venezuela, *Funck & Schlim 970* (LZ destroyed); Colonia Tovar, Edo. Aragua, Venezuela, *Moritz 125* (LZ destroyed), *441* (LZ destroyed; isosyntype BM not seen Morton photo 7129), and *Fendler 290* (LZ destroyed; isosyntypes US, Y not seen photo at US).

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